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Dear Les,

This is not an "I told you so" about the Veciana column and this morning's reporting of the CIA's disproof (which is not entirely unequivocal, as I suggest your ~~own~~ young ones study to become conversant with the spook semantics.)

Incidentally, if this memo was not overly given to you by the flacks you might keep your mind open the next time you get something from that source.

As I remember it when I wrote some time ago I was cautioning you against what was being fed to you by and for the House assassins.

Now if you ever want to go the other way on the assassins, join my guest list. I will always believe that is wrong for one side is just as wrong for the other--that disinformation is the deepest of subversions in a society like ours.

What the memo you today report represents is the dearest love of the spooks I'm collecting a few of my own. To date I've found them fining me in only a single error, an accurate reporting of an inaccurate news item. I've caught them fabricating this kind of precious item for the saints on me and bombed back with the actualities. And they can be pretty vindictive. I've gotten the high-level FBI records of their determination, once I beat them in court and they were forced to give me what I sued for, to prevent my first-use -- to keep me broke in one interpretation. And I've filed that in court. I do not think they are used to or will come to like this kind of reaction.

Perfection is not a human state. The column's position and situation are not comparable with mine. I do my own work. The column has to depend on sources. To a degree I use my own sources but never independently. While my capability of interviewing sources is now drastically limited, there has never been a time I have not been pretty certain of what they could say before I asked. You can't be in this position. This is one of the reasons I've taken so much time for cautions.

So I again urge you to check assassination items out with me if they have the potential of turning the spooks on against you. My memory is not what it was and my files are not as accessible but where I do not know I may be able to refer you. The spook situation may get to the point where they may use the facilities they have hurtfully, not menacing violently.

Veciana, as I told you I'm sure, was in my files. The name Bishop seems familiar but I do not place it. The memo you report as reported claims no disassociation from Veciana. The reason is his association with the CIA operation run by the late Serafino Roumaldi of the AFL-CIO's CIA front on crasset in labor. Roumaldi was the Latin American End, as Brown was Europe-Africa. Years ago I was offered the use of the diplomatic pouch through Irving Brown in something I wanted ~~from~~ from France. Believe it or not, hatching eggs of a rare species of chicken. I knew Roumaldi slightly, socially. My knowledge came from a graduate student from whom I'd opened such sources. Some of the story was used about two years ago by one with whom I used to have a relationship and to whom, from the need to protect my source, I'd asked confidentiality. Not knowing the committee's source other than the story, I can add no more.

Your younger ones, who I presume want to learn, might begin with the application of a few simple tests. "like is this possible? Is it probable? Uping on to those they can ask from there.

As the committee let the story you used out it is impossible. The reason is simple: Oswald then with certainty from what is known was not in Dallas. If you and the young ones will now indulge the avuncular, there is the formulation "the CIA man in Dallas..." The? Even g? The clandestine types just do not go around in open associations of this kind. Thus the simple test of probability or reasonableness is failed.

Now if you want to go to the trouble to try to follow this up, and I think the effort is not worth the yield, two good ways to start are with the widow of the late Dallas Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walthers and the son of the late Chief Criminal Deputy Alan (right) Sweatt (right). On my recent trip to Dallas I'd intended looking both up. I was persuaded to cut the trip short to do the Good Morning America show. Carolyn Walthers may have remarried. Sweatt's wife died before he did. He had a son who as of my last information has returned to Dallas. The story of the Cubans on Harlandale began with Walthers. (Lonnie Hudkins got Walthers this job years ago) Sweatt had personal files not in the sheriff's files. I do not know the extent. I do know it included pictures. And if any of you is ever in Dallas I will provide an introduction of two to what is generally considered "the other side."

For the future you may want to recall who was whether or not he still is an authentic CIA man for that territory. J. Walton Moore. There is legitimate and necessary intelligence to be collected. Whether or not Walton Moore engaged in other activities, this one was not really secret. Oil and other industrial components do provide the most basic kinds of intelligence. Finance, too.

Excuse the typing. I'm getting a late start today.

In the byzantine world of the spookeries there is nothing more farout than this whole bit of assassination connection. Whether or not real it is exceedingly delicate. I think the best primer is two Commission top secret transcripts I obtained and published. I think you have them both and that even today they'd make good items on what happens when perpetual secrecy is expected and arcane concepts of national security and interest take over.

If you are interested in the following let me know of when I'm ready I'll give it to another. Jim Casar will have copies by the time you get this and he is in DC. I have more than I've sent him and I'm still pushing. I've caught ERDA spending money politically and on the JFK assassination, with a phoney study by a Nobel laureate, the respected Luis Alvarez. His arrogance ~~has~~ has even given me his personal correspondence in which he brags about bypassing Proxmire's "proving" in the ways of spending public money and his notes raising the questions of controversy and political. Moreover, they did this after I filed suit against them under FOIA. In a vast bureaucracy there may be no cause-effect relationship but it is the actuality. By a carbon Kim will know it is also okay for you to have my letter of yesterday to the ERDA man. And if you like that then I have a CIA study of the same thing, the Zepruder film, which says other than either Alvarez of the Warren Commission. The CIA did not give this to the commission. I pretended having nothing on it. They disgorged some of this to ^Delin, knowing he was their own kind. I have what they gave him through Olson, some of it handwritten. In fact I've published some without anyone paying any attention to it. It is the new material I've added to Photographic Whitewash. I had to reprint it.

But what do you think of spending supposedly precious high-level talent time and what is required to service the big brains on the JFK assassination during the energy crisis - and calling it basic research in "high energy physics?" I have the proof.

Hastily,